

*Congressman King: "We stand up to defend every voiceless, innocent miracle that's on its way into breathing free air in this country."*

Washington, DC - Congressman Steve King (R-IA) released the following statement after voting in favor of H.R. 3, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act. The legislation establishes a permanent, government-wide prohibition on subsidies for abortion and abortion coverage, codifies existing conscience protections with an added enforcement mechanism, and closes certain loopholes that give tax-preferred status to abortion. King spoke in favor of H.R. 3 on the house floor, and a video link to King's speech is embedded below. H.R. 3 passed the House on a vote of 251-175 this afternoon.

An excerpt of Congressman King's remarks follows:

"At the root of this issue is the question of what is human life, and is it sacred in all of its forms, and at what instance does it begin? And I think all of us with a conscience will recognize that human life needs to be sacred in all of its forms, and it begins at the instant of conception. Once we come to that conclusion, we stand up to defend every voiceless, innocent miracle that's on its way into breathing free air in this country."

Prior to the vote, King distributed a "Dear Colleague" letter to Members of Congress encouraging them to vote in favor of H.R. 3. A copy of King's "Dear Colleague" letter urging support for H.R. 3 has been attached to this press release as a pdf file.

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